



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

# **VIOLA LIUZZO MURDER**

## **PART 4 OF 14**

**FILE NUMBER : 44-28601**

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Please see that these men are well reprimanded since up to now the Klu Klux have not known to be penalized for their burning crosses and defacement, and incitements and barbaric and . . . .

Appreciating your

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*Marshall to DeLoach 11/1/65*  
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Date: 4/1/65

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-643)

EUGENE THOMAS;  
ET AL;  
VIOLA LIUZZO, aka.;  
LEROY JEROME MOTON - VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS  
(OO: MOBILE (SELMA))

Re report of SA [REDACTED] at Detroit, dated 4/1/65. *b7C*

Enclosed for the Bureau are original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting details of information received on [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] in captioned matter. *b7D*

Also enclosed is one copy each of letterhead memorandum for Birmingham and Mobile.

ENCLOSURE

- 3 - Bureau (Enc.-8) (AMSD)
- 2 - Birmingham (Enc.-1)
- 2 - Mobile (Selma) (44-1245) (Enc.-1)
- 3 - Detroit  
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
**Memorandum**

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (Selma) (44-1245)

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS;  
ET AL  
VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, aka;  
LEROY JEROME MOTON - VICTIMS  
CR - EL

DATE: 4/2/65

Reference report of SA [REDACTED], dated 4/1/65, at Mobile (Selma).

Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of referenced report. No dissemination is being made to the USA, Montgomery; Departmental Attorney, Montgomery; or USA, Birmingham, until such time as the Bureau furnishes authority to do so.

- (2) - Bureau (Enc. 5)  
1 - Birmingham  
1 - Mobile (Selma)  
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FBI

Date: 4/2/65

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-643)

①  
EUGENE THOMAS;  
ET AL  
VIOLA LIUZZO, aka;  
ET AL - VICTIMS  
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Re report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/1/65, at Detroit.

Investigative period of referenced report should be shown 3/26/65 through 4/1/65.

③ Bureau  
1 - Birmingham (Info)  
1 - Mobile (44-1245) (Info)  
1 - Detroit  
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Special Agent in Charge

60 MAY 11 1965

FBI

Date: 3/27/65

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-NEW)  
SUBJECT: WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON;  
EUGENE THOMAS;  
GARY THOMAS ROWE;  
COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, JR.;  
MRS. VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO - VICTIM;  
CR

On 3/27/65, a person who identified himself as \_\_\_\_\_  
furnished the following information via telephone to SA \_\_\_\_\_  
at Philadelphia.

\_\_\_\_\_ has just returned from participating in the 50 mile voters march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala. On 3/25/65, at approximately 9 p.m. CST, while driving his car on Highway #80 from Montgomery to Selma, he was stopped for allegedly speeding, by three or four cars of Alabama State Police (ASP). \_\_\_\_\_ was stopped on about the last mile of the dual lane highway leading out of Montgomery toward Selma. \_\_\_\_\_ was accompanied by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ all of unrecalled addresses in Philadelphia, Pa.

While the ASP were questioning him, the all suddenly jumped in their automobiles and sped away in a hurry, leaving \_\_\_\_\_ and his friends alone. In about 15 minutes all of the ASP cars returned and escorted \_\_\_\_\_ to Selma, where he paid a \$25 fine and was released. \_\_\_\_\_ has Delaware drivers license #203311.

- 3 - Bureau
- 1 - Birmingham (Info)
- 1 - Mobile (Info)
- 1 - Baltimore (Info)
- 1 - Philadelphia (44-new)

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Neither [REDACTED] or his associates saw or heard anything of value regarding captioned matter. KINLOCH said he was furnishing this information in the event their presence on highway #80 may possibly be of some value to the FBI. 57

Above furnished for information.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.

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In this connection, it is noted that the subjects were released on bond by the U. S. Commissioner and a preliminary hearing has been tentatively set for 4/15/65. The Department has indicated that a Federal Grand Jury is tentatively scheduled for 4/5/65 which would eliminate the necessity for a U. S. Commissioner's hearing which would result in exposing the informant. The state grand jury is reportedly set for 4/19/65.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen *RV*

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL  
VIOLA LIUZZO - VICTIM  
CR; EL

DATE: April 1, 1965

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Hines  
1 - Mr. Leavitt

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

At 10:05 p. m., 4-1-65, Inspector McGovern called from Birmingham and advised Extra-Duty Supervisor Thomas W. Leavitt that Departmental Attorney St. John Barrett had informed him that subpoenas would be issued 4-2-65, for the following:

*[REDACTED]*, and *[REDACTED]*. The subpoenas would be delivered to the U. S. Marshal on 4-2-65, to be served that day calling for their appearance before grand jury on Monday, 4-5-65.

Inspector McGovern advised a teletype containing this information being submitted.

## ACTION:

None . . . for information.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
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FBI ATLANTA

8:14 PM EST URGENT 3-31-65 TDS

TO DIRECTOR, MOBILE (SELMA), AND BALTIMORE.

FROM ATLANTA (44-1765)

EUGENE THOMAS; ETAL; VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, AKA; LEROY JEROME  
MOTON - VICTIMS. CR - EL.

RE MOBILE TEL THIS DATE TO ATLANTA AS FOLLOWS:

SCLC, SELMA, ALA., HAS ADVISED THAT SCLC RECORDS RELATING TO  
THE SELMA - MONTGOMERY MARCH, MARCH TWENTYONE - TWENTYFIVE, LAST,  
WERE TRANSFERRED MARCH THIRTY LAST FROM SELMA TO SCLC HEADQUARTERS,  
THREE THREE FOUR AUBURN AVE., ATLANTA, GA.

ATLANTA IS REQUESTED TO SECURE ACCESS TO THESE RECORDS  
IMMEDIATELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOCATING ANY DOCUMENTATION  
PERTINENT TO THE USE OF MRS. VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO'S AUTOMOBILE  
BY SCLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE SELMA - MONTGOMERY MARCH DURING  
THE PERIOD THAT SHE WAS IN SELMA. THIS VEHICLE IS A NINETEEN  
SIXTYTHREE OLDSMOBILE EIGHTYEIGHT REGISTERED TO ANTHONY J. LIUZZO,

E NINE THREE SEVEN FIVE MARLOWE, DETROIT, MICH., NINETEEN  
FIVE LICENSE E J NINE ONE SEVEN SEVEN.

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SCLC INDICATES THAT THERE SHOULD BE A RECORD RE OWNERSHIP OF LIUZZO'S VEHICLE AND AN AUTHORIZATION TO USE OF THE AUTOMOBILE PROBABLY A CARD. THERE SHOULD BE SHEETS DESCRIBING THE USE, CONTAINING ENTRIES SUCH AS DATE OF USE, TIME LEFT AND RETURNED, PERSONS TRANSPORTED, AND POSSIBLY PURCHASE DATA AS TO GASOLINE AND OTHER SUPPLIES. ANY RECORDS REFLECTING THE USE OF THE LIUZZO VEHICLE OR MRS. LIUZZO'S ACTIVITIES WHILE IN SELMA OR PARTICIPATING IN THE SCLC PROGRAM SHOULD BE SECURED, THE PERSONS WHO CAN TESTIFY TO THE RECORDS SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED, AND THIS INFO SHOULD BE INCORPORATED IN FD - THREE ZERO TWO'S AND TRANSMITTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE MOBILE DIVISION AT SELMA SINCE AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE ARE INDICATIONS THE GRAND JURY WILL HEAR THIS MATTER APRIL FIVE NEXT.

RANDOLPH BLACKWELL, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, SCLC, ATLANTA, CONTACTED ON TWO OCCASIONS THIS DATE. STATES HE COULD LOCATE NO RECORDS PERTAINING TO INSTANT SIXTYTHREE OLDSMOBILE REGISTERED TO ANTHONY J. LIUZZO. BLACKWELL SUGGESTS CONTACT BE HAD WITH MR. HOSEA WILLIAMS, SCLC DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL EDUCATION, WHO

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IS BELIEVED TO HAVE IN HIS PERSONAL POSSESSION PERTINENT RECORDS AND PAPERS IF ANY SUCH RECORDS EXIST. BLACKWELL STATES WILLIAMS IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND UNTIL APRIL FIVE NEXT AND CAN BE CONTACTED AT LORD BALTIMORE HOTEL WHERE SCLC IS HOLDING BOARD CONFERENCE, COMMENCING APRIL ONE NEXT. ALL STAFF OFFICIALS OF SCLC OTHER THAN BLACKWELL ALREADY IN BALTIMORE AND NO INFO AVAILABLE SCLC ATLANTA REGARDING RECORDS SHIPPED FROM SELMA ON MARCH THIRTY LAST.

BALTIMORE LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HOSEA WILLIAMS IN COMPLIANCE WITH MOBILE TELETYPE, SET FORTH.

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FBI WASH DC

FBI BIRMGHAM

1033PM CST URGENT 3-26-65 HEP  
TO DIRECTOR AND MOBILE (SELMA)  
FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1236) 1P

EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL. VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA MRS. ANTHONY J. LIUZZO;  
LEROY JEROME MOTON - VICTIMS. CR - EL.

RE BIRMINGHAM TELS TODAY.

SUBJECTS THOMAS, EATON, ROWE RELEASED ON BOND FROM JEFFERSON  
COUNTY JAIL, BIRMINGHAM, NINE EIGHTEEN PM, MARCH TWENTYSIX. BOND  
ARRANGED BY ATTORNEY MATT MURPHY.

BOND HAD ALSO BEEN ARRANGED FOR SUBJECT WILKINS, HOWEVER, HE  
WAS NOT RELEASED SINCE USM RECEIVED TODAY PROBATION VIOLATORS  
WARRANT ON WILKINS IN CONNECTION FEDERAL FIREARMS ACT VIOLATION,  
NDA. WILKINS PRESENTLY BEING HELD ON PROBATION VIOLATORS WARRANT.

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*Let to W. H. H. 3/27/65*  
*Included in note 3/26/65*  
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TELETYPE

FBI SELMA ALA

5:07 PM CST 3/26/65 URGENT TAT

TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC, WFO

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (SELMA) (44-1245)

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
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EUGENE THOMAS; WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON; COLLIE LEROY

WILKINS; GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.;

VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA MRS. ANTHONY LIUZZO; LEROY JEROME MOTON

DASH VICTIMS, CR - EL.

RE WFO TELTHIS DATE.

ALABAMA MVD RECORDS REFLECT NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE ALABAMA

LICENSE THREE DASH ONE FOUR NINE FIVE ONE ISSUED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A. FOR NINETEEN SIXTY CORVAIR. SINCE SUBJECTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AS THIS INCIDENT APPEARS UNRELATED TO THIS CASE. LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, MONTGOMERY, ADVISED OF INCIDENT.

END AND ACK

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FBI SELMA ALA

6:49PM CST URGENT 4-2-65 MFH

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MOBILE(SELMA) (44-1245)

EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL; VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, AKA; LEROY JEROME

MOTON DASH VICTIMS. CR DASH EL.

SUMMARY TELETYPE.

INVESTIGATION AT SELMA AND MONTGOMERY, ALA., APRIL TWO SIXTYFIVE CONCENTRATED ON INTERVIEWS WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE KLAN CADE AT MONTGOMERY, MARCH TWENTYONE LAST AND INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE REGARDED AS KEY FIGURES IN THE FORMER KLAN ORGANIZATIONS IN THE MONTGOMERY AND SELMA AREAS. NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS WERE FORTH COMING AS A RESULT OF THE KLAN TYPE INTERVIEWS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CASE.

PREPARATION FOR GRAND JURY.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEY, ST. JOHN BARRETT AND JIM TAYLOR, ALA. ADVISED APRIL TWO SIXTYFIVE THAT IN CONNECTION WITH GRAND JURY APRIL FIVE NEXT THEY WOULD REQUIRE AS WITNESSES THE FOLLOWING BUREAU PERSONNEL.

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SA [REDACTED] NOW AT MONTGOMERY; LAB EXAMINER SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; BIRMINGHAM AGENTS [REDACTED] 57

[REDACTED] AND INSPECTOR JOSEPH A.

SULLIVAN.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TELEPHONICALLY WITH BUREAU FOR  
PRESENCE OF [REDACTED]; TELEPHONIC ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR  
BIRMINGHAM PERSONNEL; PERSONNEL IN MOBILE DIVISION WILL APPEAR  
AS REQUESTED. ALL WITNESSES DEEMED NECESSARY AND THEIR APPEARANCE  
DESIRABLE. UACB DEPARTMENTAL REQUEST WILL BE HONORED.

END.

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April 1, 1965

PERSONAL

[REDACTED]

CONFIDENTIAL

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Dear [REDACTED]

I want to express appreciation for the invaluable assistance you recently rendered in a matter of interest to this Bureau.

I can assure you that your outstanding spirit of cooperation and the aid you furnished mean a great deal to my associates and me. It is only through civic-minded help such as you afforded in this instance that the FBI is able to adequately discharge the responsibilities entrusted to it. I would not want the opportunity to pass without extending the heartfelt thanks of all of us.

MAILED 6

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COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Birmingham

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FBI  
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NOTE: See Rosen to Belmont memorandum dated 3-30-65 captioned "Eugene Thomas, William Orville Eaton, Collie Leroy Wilkins, Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr.; Viola Liuzzo - Victim, Leroy Jerome Minton - Victim Civil Rights; Election Laws. [REDACTED] is not identifiable in Bufiles. DFC:rls (4)

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case concerning the shooting of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo in Lowndes County, Alabama, on the night of 3-25-65. Four subjects have been arrested and charged under the Federal Civil Rights Statutes, and the matter is being presented to a Federal Grand Jury at Montgomery beginning 4-5-65.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MOBILE (SELMA) (44-NEW)

UNSUB: VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA MRS, ANTHONY LIUZZO DASH VICTIM;  
LEROY JEROME MOTON DASH VICTIM. CR DASH EL.

CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

MOTON AND LIUZZO INVOLVED IN CIVIL RIGHTS MARCH, MONTGOMERY,  
ALA., MARCH TWENTY FIVE LAST.

MOTON EMPLOYED AS BARBER, SELMA, ALA., HOWEVER WAS CO-  
ORDINATOR OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SCLC DURING MARCH TO MONTGOMERY.

AT FOUR PM AFTER MARCH TERMINATED MARCH TWENTY FIVE LAST, HE  
WENT TO DEXTER AVENUE CHURCH, MONTGOMERY. AT CHURCH HE OB-  
TAINED MRS. LIUZZO'S AUTOMOBILE, A NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE POWDER

BLUE OLDSMOBILE, MICHIGAN LICENSE E J NINE ONE SEVEN SEVEN,  
WHICH CAR WAS PARKED AT THE CHURCH. MRS. LIUZZO WAS AT CAMP

SITE NUMBER FOUR AT ST. JUDE'S COMPLEX, FAIRVIEW AVE.,  
MONTGOMERY. MOTON DROVE AUTOMOBILE WITH LOAD OF PASSENGERS

TO ST. JUDE CAMP SITE AND PICKED UP MRS. LIUZZO. SHE THERE-  
AFTER TOOK OVER DRIVING. THEY DROVE BY DANNELLY FIELD,

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MONTGOMERY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AND DROPPED ONE PASSENGER OFF TO  
CATCH A PLANE AT ABOUT SIX PM. AFTER THIS, THEY PURCHASED GAS  
AT FILING STATION NEAR DANNELLY FIELD AND DROVE TO SELMA,  
ALA., A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY FORTY FIVE MILES.

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MOTON IS DESCRIBED AS NM, AGE NINETEEN, BORN MAY TWENTY-FIVE, NINETEEN FORTYFIVE, SELMA, ALA., SIX THREE AND ONE HALF ONE THREE EIGHT, BROWN EYES, BLACK HAIR, DARK COMPLEXION.

MRS. LIUZZO DESCRIBED AS WF, ABOUT THIRTY EIGHT, FIVE TWO,  
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BLONDE HAIR, WEARING BLUE SUIT AND WHITE BLOUSE.

AGENTS AT SELMA GIVING THIS MATTER CONTINUOUS AND  
EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATIVE ATTENTION AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT  
ADVISED.

AM COPIES TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM AND DETROIT.

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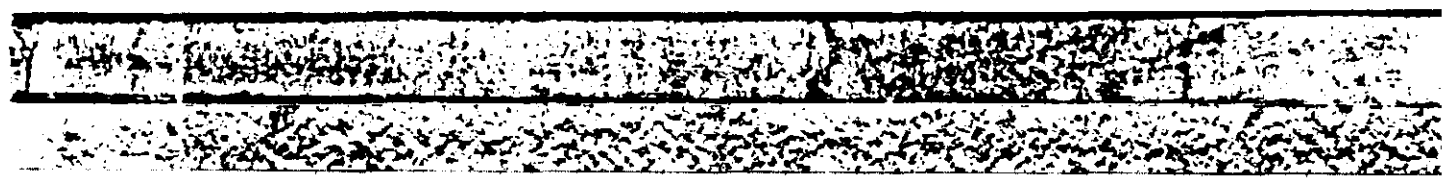
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**CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES OF VICTIM LIUZZO.**

MRS. WILLIE LEE JACKSON, ONE THREE SEVEN C, GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER APARTMENTS, SELMA, ALA., ADVISED THAT MRS. LIUZZO STAYED AT HER APARTMENT FROM MARCH NINETEEN TO MARCH TWENTYFOUR LAST, ALONG WITH FOUR OTHER WHITE WOMEN AND TWO NEGRO GIRLS. ON MARCH TWENTYFOUR LAST., MRS. LIUZZO SUPPOSEDLY WENT BY BUS FROM BROWN CHAPEL WITH DEMONSTRATORS GATHERED TO MONTGOMERY, ALA., TO TAKE PART IN MARCH

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ON CAPITOL BUILDING. MRS. LIUZZO'S AUTOMOBILE WAS BEING USED BY MEMBERS OF SCLC IN CONNECTION WITH MARCH FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY. MRS. LIUZZO STAYED IN MRS JACKSON'S APARTMENT DAY AND NIGHT EXCEPT FOR BRIEF VISITS TO BROWN CHAPEL. SHE WAS NOT KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY INCIDENTS IN SELMA PRIOR TO MARCH TWENTYFIVE LAST.

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Cincinnati, O.  
3/29/65

Mr. Tolson	_____
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F.B.I. Director.  
J. Edgar Hoover.  
Washington, D.C.  
Dear Sir,

I want to commend you and your men for the quick apprehension of Mrs. Kuzzo's killers. I thoroughly agree with President Johnson's demand for the thorough investigation of the Ku Klux Klan. This is as reasonable + certainly of greater importance now, than an investigation of - for instance - the Costa Roster - Don't you agree?

Sincerely yours,

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Cincinnati 8, O.  
3/29/65

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Mr. Mr.  
Mr. Mr.  
Mr. Caspe  
Mr. Callal  
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Miss Holm  
Miss Gand

F. B. I. Director  
G. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

I want to commend you and your men for the quick apprehension of Mrs. Liuzzo's killers. I thoroughly agree with President Johnson's demand for the thorough investigation of the Ku Klux Klan. This is a reasonable & certainly of greater importance now, than an investigation of--for instance--the Costra Noster--Don't you agree?

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature block]

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Cincinnati 8, Ohio

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of March 29th and appreciate your commendatory remarks regarding this Bureau's apprehension of four suspects in the fatal shooting of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo. It was thoughtful of you to make your sentiments known, and your kind comments certainly are a source of great encouragement to all of us in the FBI.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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 Mr. Rosen  
 Mr. Sullivan  
 Mr. Tavel  
 Mr. Trotter  
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 Miss Gandy

(March 31, 1965)

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I was very much moved and upset and deeply ashamed of some of the American people we have in our country when I heard of the death of Mrs. Liuzzo. I was born in Dallas County, Alabama near Selma and now I'm ashamed of being associated with it. I greatly appuladed Mr. Johnsons attack on the Klu Klux Klan because I know they are terrible people and I would do anything I could to get them out of Alabama and the U. S. I would greatly appreciate if you could give me any advice on getting rid of the Klansmen. I also would like to tell you that I'm 100% behind your actions for some day I hope being an F. B. I. agent.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature]

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*Mr. Liuzzo, Selma, Alabama*  
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FBI

San Diego, California 92115

Dear [redacted]

Your letter was received on March 31st, and the thought which prompted you to write me is appreciated. I was pleased to know of your desire of becoming a Special Agent of the FBI and, in this regard, I am enclosing some material which I hope will be helpful.

I am reassured when I read letters such as yours expressing an awareness of the problems menacing our country's future. Acknowledging the danger posed by these conspiracies is one great step toward protecting our national traditions. In view of your interest, there is also some material included which I trust will be of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

- Enclosures (5)  
Our Heritage of Greatness, 12-12-64  
U. S. News & World Report, 12-21-64  
The FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights  
The Story of the FBI  
Facts about a Career in the... FBI

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Date: 3-31-65

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

Attention: Exhibit Section

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (44-1245)

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL.;  
VIOLA GREGO LIUZZO; ET AL. - VICTIMS  
CR - EL; RACIAL MATTERS

Re Departmental request by ST. JOHN BARRETT.

Enclosed are four rolls of 35 millimeter film and four sheets of four by five film pack. Also enclosed are contact sheets for the 35 millimeter film.

The Exhibit Section is requested to make a poster size print of each negative relating to the marked contact sheet. The contact sheet has been marked with a black X on the photograph selected to be printed. On the four by five negatives the Exhibit Section will choose the best negative for the poster size prints.

The department has requested that this be available to them for the Federal Grand Jury that meets Monday, April 5, 1965, at Montgomery. Exhibit Section will return prints to Selma prior to Federal Grand Jury meeting.

Also enclosed are three charts that the Exhibit Section is requested to reproduce for court room exhibit. These will also be presented to the same Federal Grand Jury. These should also be returned to Selma prior to the Federal Grand Jury meeting.

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: *Hines*



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 26 1965

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FBI SELMA ALA

12:31 CST 3/26/65 URGENT TAT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (SELMA) (44-1245)

UNSUBS; VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA MRS. ANTHONY LIUZZO; LEROY  
JEROME MOTON DASH VICTIMS, CR - EL. CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

THE TEXT OF THE COMPLAINT FILED BEFORE UNITED STATES  
COMMISSIONER JAMES M. GUTTERY, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, MARCH  
TWENTYSIX, INSTANT, IS SET FORTH BELOW.

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF SECTION TWO FOUR ONE, SECTION  
EIGHTEEN, USC, WAS FILED AT TEN TWENTYFIVE A.M. ON MARCH TWENTYSIX  
INSTANT. COMPLAINT STATES THAT ON OR ABOUT MARCH TWENTYFIVE,  
SIXTYFIVE, AT LOWNDES COUNTY, IN THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA,  
DID, COMMENCING ON OR ABOUT JANUARY ONE, SIXTYFIVE, AND CONTINUING  
TO DATE OF THIS COMPLAINT, WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON, COLLIE LEROY  
WILKINS, JR., EUGENE THOMAS AND GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR., WITHIN THE  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, NORTHERN DIVISION, CONSPIRED TOGETHER  
WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN TO INDUCE, COERCE,  
THREATEN AND INTIMIDATE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE  
VICINITY OF SELMA AND MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, IN THE FREE EXERCISE AND

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Tolson  
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ENJOYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES SECURED THEM BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

ONE DASH THE RIGHT TO PEACEFULLY ASSEMBLE, PUBLICLY PROTEST AND PETITION THE GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA FOR REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES ON BEHALF OF NEGRO CITIZENS OF ALABAMA FREE FROM ARBITRARY AND OPPRESSIVE INTERFERENCE FROM THE STATE OF ALABAMA.

TWO DASH THE RIGHT TO PUBLICLY PROTEST UNLAWFUL DEPRIVATION OF THE RIGHT OF NEGROES OF ALABAMA TO REGISTER TO VOTE AND TO VOTE FOR CANDIDATES FOR FEDERAL OFFICES.

THREE DASH THE RIGHT TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST NEGRO CITIZENS OF ALABAMA IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR RIGHT TO REGISTER TO VOTE AND TO VOTE FOR CANDIDATES FOR FEDERAL OFFICES.

FOUR DASH THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROTEST MARCH FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, TO PRESENT A PETITION TO GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA IN MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CARRYING OUT OF A PROPOSED PLAN FOR SUCH MARCH PURSUANT TO AND UNDER THE TERMS OF AN ORDER ENTERED ON MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTYFIVE, BY THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF  
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ALABAMA IN THE CASE OF WILLIAMS VERSUS WALLACE, NUMBER TWO ONE EIGHT ONE DASH N.

IT WAS PART OF THE PLAN AND PURPOSE OF THE CONSPIRACY THAT THE DEFENDANT WOULD HARRASS, THREATEN, ASSAULT, SHOOT AND KILL PERSONS WHO CAME TO THE AREA OF SELMA AND MONTGOMERY ALABAMA, TO PARTICIPATE IN AND LEND THEIR SUPPORT TO A DEMONSTRATION MARCH FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY PURSUANT TO A PLAN APPROVED BY AN ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, ON MARCH SEVENTEEN, SIXTYFIVE, REFERRED TO ABOVE AND TO HARRASS, THREATEN, ASSAULT, SHOOT AND KILL NEGRO CITIZENS OF ALABAMA WHO PARTICIPATED IN OR SUPPORTED THE MARCH IN VIOLATION OF SECTION TWO FOUR ONE, TITLE EIGHTEEN, USC. AND COMPLAINANT STATES THAT THIS COMPLAINT IS BASED ON INFORMATION COMING TO THE ATTENTION OF SPECIAL AGENT SPENCER ROBB OF THE FBI, DURING THE COURSE OF AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION.

ACTING ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN DOAR HAS REQUESTED THAT THE BUREAU ADVISED THE DEPARTMENT AS TO THE TEXT OF THE COMPLAINT. MR. DOAR PREPARED THE COMPLAINT. Bey

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CC-MR. ROSEN

FBI

Date: 4/1/65

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-893) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS; ETAL;  
VIOLA LIUZZO, aka;  
LEROY JEROME MOTON - VICTIMS;  
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

OO - MOBILE

Re Detroit tel to Philadelphia (interoffice).  
Remytel to Bureau and Mobile 3/31/65.

There is forwarded herewith to Mobile Certification of Birth signed by C. L. WILBAR, JR., dated 3/31/65 bearing the Seal of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the number 451409. This certifies that in file number 56399-25 a record of birth was filed April 18, 1925 showing that on April 11, 1925 in Pike Run Township, Washington County, Pa., a female child, VIOLA FAUVER GREGG was born to HEBER GREGG and EVA, nee WILSON.

This was obtained by IC [REDACTED]

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Approved: [Signature] 70 APR 12 1965 Agent in Charge

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# GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Instant information was furnished by Mobile on 3/27/65 as result of a request by Mr. St. John Barrett of the Department. Mr. Barrett advised on 3/27/65 that the Attorney General desired that the Bureau obtain this information concerning Circuit Solicitor Arthur E. Gamble, Jr. The Attorney General desired to know what kind of prosecutor Gamble is; whether or not he is or has been affiliated with Klan-type groups; and any information concerning his background which would indicate what kind of job he would do on this case.

Attached information furnished to Mr. Barrett at approximately 3 p. m., 3/27/65. No identifiable information on Gamble in Bureau indices.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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12:55 PM CST 3/27/65 URGENT TAT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, BIRMINGHAM

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (SELMA) (44-1245)

EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL. / VIOLA LIUZZO, AKA., LEROY JEROME

CRIM RIGHTS SECTION LETTER  
MOTON DASH VICTIMS, CR - EL.

REBUTELCON TODAY.

ARTHUR E. GAMBLE, JR., IS CIRCUIT SOLICITOR FOR THE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT WHICH ENCOMPASSES LOWNDES COUNTY, ALA., WHERE MRS. LIUZZO WAS KILLED. HE RESIDES IN GREENVILLE, ALA., WHERE HIS FATHER WAS CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR MANY YEARS. DURING PAST CONTACTS WITH GAMBLE, HE HAS BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE WITH BUREAU AGENTS AND EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FOR THE BUREAU AND ITS DIRECTOR. HE HAS AT NO TIME BEEN CRITICAL OF ANY OF THE BUREAU'S ACTIVITIES.

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NO INFORMATION HAS EVER BEEN DEVELOPED THAT GAMBLE WAS AFFILIATED WITH ANY KLAN OR RACIAL HATE TYPE ORGANIZATION AND IN FREQUENT CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM RE THE KLAN, HE HAS EXPRESSED COMPLETE DISAPPROVAL IN STRONG TERMS OF THE KLAN AND ITS OBJECTIVES, AS WELL AS KLAN MEMBERSHIP WHICH HE FEELS ENCOMPASSES INDIVIDUALS OF UNSAVORY CHARACTERS.

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GAMBLE IS APPROXIMATELY FORTY YEARS OF AGE, MARRIED,  
AND IS WELL REGARDED IN THE COMMUNITY AND IN HIS PROFESSIONAL  
LIFE.

NO INFORMATION HAS EVER COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE  
MOBILE OFFICE OR AGENTS WHO HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH GAMBLE  
IN THE PAST THAT HE WOULD IN ANY WAY DISREGARD HIS DUTIES TO  
PROSECUTE PERSONS TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW. IT IS FELT  
WITH THE PROPER EVIDENCE AND A JURY THAT WOULD NOT DISREGARD  
EVIDENCE GAMBLE COULD SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTE CAPTIONED  
INDIVIDUALS FOR MURDER IN LOWNDES COUNTY, ALA.

ENND ~~SH WILL BE ADVISES SEPARATELY~~

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC MOBILE (SELMA) (44-1245)

FROM ATLANTA (44-1765)

EUGENE THOMAS; ETAL; VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, AKA;  
LEROY JEROME MOTON DASH VICTIMS. CR DASH EL.

REMO AND AT TELETYPES THREE THIRTY-ONE ND BA TEL  
FOUR ONE LAST.

MARK HARRINGTON CONTACTED THIS DATE AT SCLC OFFICE ATLANTA  
AND APPRISED OF HOSEA WILLIAMS AUTHORIZATION TO EXAMINE RECORDS IN  
TRUNK OF AVIS RENTAL CAR. HARRINGTON ADVISED WILLIAMS LEFT KEYS  
TO CAR WITH HIM. HARRINGTON IN AGENTS PRESENCE EXAMINED RECORDS  
IN NINETEEN SIXTY-FIVE FORD. THESE RECORDS WERE CONTAINED IN A  
CARD BOARD BOX OF ABOUT TWO CUBIC FEET. HARRINGTON DESCRIBED  
THESE RECORDS AS (1) CARD FILE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN SELMA  
ACTIVITIES DATES OF ACTIVITY NOT SHOWN. (2) LIST OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES  
WITH ORGANIZATIONS THEY REPRESENT ON THREE BY FIVE CARDS.  
(3) MISCELLANEOUS OPENED AND UNOPENED MAIL ADDRESSED TO DR.  
M. L. KING. (4) ESTIMATED TWO HUNDRED WESTERN UNION TELEGRAMS  
AND SOME MONEY ORDERS SOME UNOPENED WISHING SUCCESS TO PROJECT  
AND KING.

NO RECORDS LOCATED RELATING TO AUTO'S USED TRIP LOGS OR  
OTHER DATA RELATING TO ACTIVITIES OF VICTIM LIUZZO.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: April 1, 1965

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Hines

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.  
VIOLA LIUZZO, ET AL. - VICTIMS  
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Inspector McGovern advised that Attorney Matt Murphy had been trying to get in touch with our informant who is one of the subjects in this case.

According to McGovern, Birmingham informant had been contacted by [REDACTED] who is identified as a close personal friend of the informant. According to the informant, [REDACTED] Murphy had stated that if the subject (our informant) did not get in touch with Murphy that Murphy was going to "come off" of his bond. Birmingham Office desired to know whether or not the informant should get in touch with Attorney Matt Murphy, who of course is the Klan attorney.

## ACTION

Inspector McGovern was advised that inasmuch as the Department had been greatly concerned about the informant's relation as client with Attorney Matt Murphy and as Departmental Attorney St. John Barrett had fully discussed the case with the informant on 3/31/65, the matter as to whether or not the informant should contact Murphy as an attorney in connection with this case should be brought to the attention of Departmental Attorney Barrett. McGovern was instructed that Birmingham should follow the advice of the Departmental attorney in this matter.

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1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
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*Handwritten notes:*  
See me tomorrow  
send memo to B.G.  
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COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON

The Attorney General

April 2, 1965

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Hines

EUGENE THOMAS,  
WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON,  
GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, JR.;  
VIOLA LIUZZO - VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS; ELECTION LAWS

With regard to the relationship of subject Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., who is also the informant in this matter, with Ku Klux Klan Attorney Matt Murphy, who arranged for posting his bond on March 26, 1965, Mr. St. John Barrett of the Civil Rights Division talked to Rowe extensively on March 31, 1965.

Mr. Barrett established that, although Matt Murphy is Rowe's attorney of record, Rowe does not consider Mr. Murphy to be his attorney and Rowe would not retain Mr. Murphy if his case were to go to trial. Mr. Barrett advised our Birmingham Office that he is satisfied that Mr. Murphy does not represent subject Rowe.

Mr. Barrett further advised that the Federal Government will not prosecute Rowe and that, although he could make no statement regarding state prosecution if the state initiates prosecution against Rowe, the Federal Government will stand behind him as far as it possibly can. Mr. Barrett said he would so advise Rowe of this.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. John Doar  
Acting Assistant Attorney General

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NOTE:

See memo Rosen to Belmont, same caption, dated 4/2/65, JWH/ras.

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## Memorandum

MAR 30 1965

TO : Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE:

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FROM : John Doar, Acting  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

DJ 144-2-470

# 1-085-20

SUBJECT: William O. Eaton, Collie L. Wilkins, Jr.,  
Eugene Thomas, Gary T. Rowe, Jr., Subjects;  
Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, Victim.  
Conspiracy Against Rights, (Lowndes County, Ala.)  
CIVIL RIGHTS

This refers to the investigation currently being conducted in connection with the killing of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo near Lowndesboro, Alabama, on the night of March 25, 1965.

Please provide a summary of the available background information on the subjects recently arrested in connection with this case. This summary should include information concerning the past Ku Klux Klan activity, other anti-civil rights activity and any acts of violence or threatened violence engaged in in Alabama by these subjects or with which these subjects may be connected.

In addition please provide a summary of the available information on the activities of the Ku Klux Klan organizations in the Selma, Montgomery and Birmingham areas since 1960. This should include the identities of key Klavern level activists and higher level leaders. It should also include a chronology of violent anti-civil rights activities threatened or engaged in in Alabama by members of these Klaverns or with which they may be connected.

Also provide available background information on the most violent members of the Klaverns referred to in the preceding paragraph and on key state leaders. In this connection please include summaries of the available information on the following persons:

Robert Creel  
Robert Thomas  
Eugene ReevesRonald Tidwell  
Robert Shelton  
Matthew Murphy

Please furnish this information to Mr. St. John Barrett of my staff in Montgomery, Alabama, by Saturday, April 3, 1965.

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1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr

April 1, 1965

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Gray

Mr. John Doar  
Acting Assistant Attorney General

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Director, FBI

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EUGENE THOMAS,  
WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON,  
GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.,  
COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, JR.,  
VIOLA LIUZZO - VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS; ELECTION LAWS

Reference is made to your letter of March 30, 1965, requesting background information on the subjects recently arrested in this case, a summary of the activities of Klan organizations in the Selma, Montgomery and Birmingham, Alabama areas since 1960 and information concerning Klan activists and leaders.

As you are aware, background information on the subject in this case has been furnished to you by my letter of March 3, 1965.

With regard to your request for a summary of available information on the activities since 1960 of Klan organizations Selma, Montgomery and Birmingham, this material is already in possession. Please refer to FBI investigative reports prepared by our Birmingham and Mobile Office, furnished to you regularly in the cases entitled "United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan"; "U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc." and "Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc." These reports prepared contemporaneously with the events, provide a chronology of activities of these Klan organizations as well as information concerning their leaders and activists.

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In regard to your request for available background information on the individuals mentioned in your letter, reports and memoranda are already available to you in the cases entitled

and "Robert Milton Creel, Racial Matters." In accordance with your request, available background information concerning Eugene Reeves, Ronald Tidwell and Matthew Murphy will be furnished by April 3, 1965, to Mr. St. John Barrett of your staff at Montgomery, Alabama.

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Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. John Doar

NOTE:

See memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan dated 3/31/65, captioned "Eugene Thomas, William Orville Eaton, Gary Thomas Rowe, Jr., Collie Leroy Wilkins, Jr.; Viola Liuzzo - Victim, Civil Rights; Election Laws," prepared by AWG:jas.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Williams  
1 - Office, 7133

DATE: 4/3/65

TO : Mr. Conrad *Jue*

FROM : R. H. Jevons *H*

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, et al.;  
VIOLA LIUZZO, aka  
MRS. ANTHONY J. LIUZZO,  
LEROY JEROME MOTON, VICTIMS;  
CR - EL

CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Mrs. Liuzzo was shot near Selma, Alabama, on the evening of 3/25/65 while engaged in the transportation of civil rights demonstrators between Montgomery and Selma.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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## ACTION:

For information.

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. McGowan

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Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

March 26th, 1965

Hon. John Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Hoover:

..for the wonder-  
ful rapid successful probe in  
finding the

Klu Klux Klan re-  
sponsible for the death of  
The Lady in Detroit, whose  
sympathies was directly in  
opposite of the Klans ideas.

In this incident  
you and your staff made up for  
the lack in Kennedys shot, which  
could have been avoided by the  
men (investigators) who allowed  
Oswald to get by without request-

ing Oswald to open that paper  
package (gun) he was holding on  
to....for inspection..just to be  
sure, and the shot could have  
been avoided. However, and in-  
asmuch as you caught up with these  
& so and so's...proved once again  
you and your staff are on the ball  
and will be rolling for the benefit  
of the American public.

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Keep up the good work. Thanx

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*Handwritten:* Marshall to DeLoach 11/1/65

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 4-1-65

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
YONKERS, NEW YORK

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Note was received March 26th from captioned individual in which she congratulated the Director upon the rapid solution of the recent killing of the civil rights worker in the vicinity of Selma, Alabama. In her note the correspondent states flatly that the Ku Klux Klan was responsible for this death.

The correspondent goes on to say that in solving this case the Director and the FBI made up for "the lack in Kennedy's shot, which could have been avoided by men (investigators) who allowed Oswald to get by without requesting Oswald to open that paper package." It is apparent that this correspondent has her facts completely mixed up with respect to the assassination of the late President Kennedy.

Bufiles contain no information concerning captioned individual.

## OBSERVATIONS:

If we were to write to this individual we would be in a position of accepting her congratulations and at the same time explain to her our position concerning the assassination of President Kennedy.

## RECOMMENDATION:

File without acknowledgment.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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TITLE OF CASE (1) <b>EUGENE THOMAS; WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON; COLLIE LEROY WILKINS; GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.; VIOLA LIUZZO, aka., Mrs. Anthony J. Liuzzo; LEROY JEROME MOTON - VICTIMS</b>		Report made by <b>SA [REDACTED] 67C</b>	Tr VI
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS</b>	

Synopsis:

REFERENCES: Teletype from Mobile (Selma) to Detroit, dated 3/30/65.  
Report of SA [REDACTED] at Detroit, dated 3/31/65.

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Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below			
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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File Number

44-643

Title

EUGENE THOMAS;  
WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON;  
COLLIE LEROY WILKINS;  
GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.;  
VIOLA LIUZZO;  
LEROY JEROME MOTON - VICTIMS

Character

CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis

Additional background information concerning victim VIOLA LIUZZO set out. ANTHONY J. LIUZZO, husband of victim, indicated ~~that victim VIOLA LIUZZO was receiving psychiatric treatment from Doctor ABRAHAM ELSER, Northland Center, Southfield, Michigan.~~ that victim VIOLA LIUZZO was receiving psychiatric treatment from Doctor ABRAHAM ELSER, Northland Center, Southfield, Michigan. Victim VIOLA LIUZZO reported to Detroit Police Department as missing person on 7/16/64 by husband who stated victim disappeared 7/13/64. VIOLA LIUZZO located 7/18/64 with GORDON GREENE, Montreal, Ontario, Canada. While victim VIOLA LIUZZO was missing, she wrote despondent letters to husband from cemetery from which she gave her own birth and death dates. Victim not known to have engaged in other Civil Rights activities.

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**DETAILS:**

CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES

1Date 4/1/65

[redacted]  
[redacted] National Association For The Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Detroit, Michigan, stated that both VIOLA LIUZZO and her husband, ANTHONY JAMES LIUZZO were members of the NAACP at Detroit. b7c, D

[redacted] recalled that his only contact with Mrs. LIUZZO was in September of 1964, at which time she came to the NAACP offices to advise that she had just been convicted in Detroit Records Court for failing to send her children to school and that she had wanted this conviction to demonstrate what she considered an injustice in allowing children age sixteen to drop out of school and that she thought that this should be changed so that children could not drop out of school until age eighteen.

Mrs. LIUZZO stated that while in court she had seen a young Negro girl who appeared to be suffering from malnutrition and that this girl had been convicted of some minor offense. Mrs. LIUZZO stated that she had wanted to offer the unknown Negro girl money, but did not want to embarrass her and she requested that [redacted] make an effort to identify the girl and that she, Mrs. LIUZZO, would then provide funds. Mrs. LIUZZO made this statement that, "To get involved is my Christian duty".

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On March 26, 1965, an article appeared in "The Detroit News", a newspaper published daily at Detroit, Michigan, entitled, "All Men Are Created Equal - A Life So Dedicated Is Gone", under the by-line of LAWRENCE J. GREEN which reported an interview with ANTHONY J. LIUZZO.

Mr. LIUZZO reportedly stated that VIOLA LIUZZO had never taken part in Civil Rights demonstrations although they had contributed to the National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People (NAACP) and other groups concerned with Civil Rights.

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**MOTIVATION FOR TRIP TO  
SELMA, ALABAMA**

On March 27, 1965, an article appeared in "The Detroit Free Press", a newspaper published daily at Detroit, Michigan, entitled, "Four Accused of Killing Detroit Mother" under the by-line of ROBERT B. HOYT.

In this article ANTHONY J. LIUZZO is reported as stating that VIOLA LIUZZO decided to make the trip to Selma, Alabama, on the day that a group of Wayne State University students staged a sympathy demonstration in the Detroit Federal Building to protest attacks on Negro and white demonstrators in Selma and Montgomery, Alabama.

ANTHONY LIUZZO stated he tried to talk VIOLA LIUZZO out of making the trip and told her to come home; however, VIOLA LIUZZO was worked up and took off immediately for Selma, Alabama.

Mrs. LIUZZO was reported to have arrived in Selma, Alabama, on March 18, 1965, where she used her automobile to transport Civil Rights workers around Selma, Alabama, and Mobile, Alabama.

**INDICATION OF EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE  
AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Records Court, Detroit, Michigan, on March 31, 1965, 57  
furnished the sketchy notes contained in her file concerning  
VIOLA LIUZZO. These notes read as follows:

**Parents** EVA WILSON and HERBER E. GREGG were married June 24, 1924, in Little Washington, Pennsylvania.

**Mother** EVA GREGG, age 60, lives in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. She is retired school teacher; graduated from University of Pittsburgh. Mother has heart condition, Catholic, but is not active. Describes relationship as normal and good until a few years ago when they had disagreements over VIOLA's children and their rearing.

**Father** HERBER GREGG, age 66, lives with wife. He has been disabled since VIOLA was twelve. [REDACTED] 67  
VIOLA says she had no relationship with father. He was in and out of Veterans Administration (VA) Hospitals. He worked in coal mines in Pennsylvania; went to school to second grade. VIOLA describes father as "self-educated man". Says father was "somewhat of a wanderer".

**Sibling** VIOLA - oldest; second is MARY HIGBEE, age 30, divorced - plans to remarry September 26, 1964, 613 West Michigan, Ypsilanti, Michigan

**Maternal Relatives** Uncle DAVE WILSON, Youngstown, Ohio  
Uncle HAROLD WILSON, Library, Pennsylvania  
Aunt SARAH BIGGIGG, Youngstown, Ohio  
Aunt LOU ?, Cytherin, Pennsylvania

**Paternal Relatives** Aunt BLANCHE DUFFY, whereabouts unknown

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**Religion**

No formal - "Believes in basic good conduct which is basis of all religion" according to VIOLA.

**Previous  
Trouble**

She purposely stole microscope at Parkside General - insisted on being arrested - this was to call attention to Doctor PARKS who VIOLA felt was not competent.

**Present  
Trouble**

VIOLA states she planned to get in trouble, as she kept the children out of school as a "protest". She feels that the compulsory age for attending school should be eighteen instead of sixteen and felt keeping children out of school would bring attention to her concern.

**Impression  
and  
Appearance**

VIOLA is 5' 1" and weighs about 140 pounds. She is confused, emotionally unstable and appears on the fringe of a serious mental breakdown.

**Early Home  
Life**

VIOLA was reared by natural parents - father was in and out of home - VA Hospital. Described childhood as very happy, but says they were very very poor. They did at one time receive public assistance as Mother was pregnant and could not work. Family lived in five states while VIOLA was a child. She never remembers finishing a school term in same city. Claims Mother encouraged early marriage. VIOLA's first marriage was at age sixteen after this she left Tennessee (where family was living at the time.)

**Education**

Says she cannot remember all schools she attended. Attended St. Marys High in Sewanee, Tennessee. Finished ninth grade (claims high school diploma waived, took entrance examination and is in Sophomore English class in Wayne State University).

**Marriage**

VIOLA married in Knoxville, Georgia, at age of sixteen to WILLIAM PHILLIPS, age 34. Married to

get away from home. Marriage was in Chattanooga, Tennessee, 1941, separated the day after wedding. Husband divorced VIOLA in about one year - she was not in city.

Second - VIOLA married GEORGE ARGYRIS in 1943 in Detroit, Michigan, - separated in 1949, divorced September, 1950, VIOLA married ANTHONY JAMES LIUZZO in Detroit, Michigan. Describes present marital relationship as good; however, husband does not understand children.

**Children**

1. PENNILLIPI, born June 5, 1946, in Detroit. Father is GEORGE ARGYRIS, VIOLA's second husband, but child was adopted by present husband. Whereabouts unknown somewhere in Ypsilanti, Michigan, prior to this she lived with maternal aunt. [REDACTED] b7c

2. MARY EVA, born January 22, 1948, lives with maternal grandparents and has been there since July, 1964. [REDACTED] b7c

3. THOMAS, born June 23, 1951, attends Winship Junior School, 7A.

4. ANTHONY, born March 8, 1955, attends Winship Elementary (involved in VIOLA's offense).

5. SALLY, born August 6, 1958, attends Winship Elementary School.

**Economic  
Situation**

VIOLA lives at home with her husband and three youngest children. They live at 19375 Marlowe. They are buying a home on a fifteen year mortgage - twelve room home. Husband is employed by Local 234 Teamsters as Business Agent - Gross \$360.00 per week nets \$249.00. Their 1963 Oldsmobile 88 hardtop financed by General Motors Acceptance Corporation (GMAC) - payments \$101 per month. They owe Winkelman's \$168.00; J. L. Hudson Company



\$400.00; Gedringer's Jewelry \$400.00. These bills were charged by VIOLA's sixteen year old daughter, MARY. Family is paying on all bills.

**Employment**

Last employment - Parkvue Industrial Receiving Clinic as Medical Assistant for two years 1962-1963. Quit because of investigation going on at hospital regarding doctor who was not qualified. At Sinai Hospital she claims she helped in Research Department 1961 - four months.

**Health**

Good - smokes carton of cigarettes per week; drinks occasionally - vodka. No venereal disease; denies use of drugs. Wayne County General two years for one week - voluntary admission wanted someone to take a look at family and help her with children - nine pregnancies - five living children - four miscarriages.

**Habits**

Enjoys taking children to woods to collect stones; plays scrabble with husband and reads.

**Residence**

In Detroit, Michigan, since 1942 - lived at present address since April, 1963, prior address of 18491 Marlowe sold equity to purchase present home in June, 1953.

**September 17,  
1964**

Lives at 19375 Marlowe with husband ANTHONY and three children. There are two children out of the home, one with grandparents and one in Ann Arbor, Michigan. PENNY, age 18, in Ann Arbor; MARY, age 16, with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. HERBER GREGG, 61 Polk Circle, Georgia. THOMAS, age 13, home; ANTHONY, age 9, home; SALLY, age 6, home. VIOLA supported by husband, who works for Teamsters Local 247 as a Business Agent. Wife is not employed, but is attending Wayne State University, majoring in English - Sophomore standing. Counselor Mr. BELLEFLEUR. Not attending this quarter.

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**There stands a man within God's sight**

**He, alone, can tear away**

**The power of night that forms a day**

**So relentlessly this man trods on**

**To search for what something he fears longgone**

"Hence from rising sun, to an endless day  
He is never still for he cannot say  
So above or below the mud or the rain  
He thrashes on through an unknown terrain  
So often he's tired; so often he's pained  
Yet he still struggles on to the peak he must gain  
This peak will he reach? Can this man refrain  
From surrender to pain, the cost of life's gain  
Ah! the peak he has reached, he did not refrain  
Thus everything ventured was everything gained  
Tranquil peace is the peak and now also  
his right  
So he now lies forever, joined with God  
in sight

"Truth is not Christian, Jewish, Hindu or Buddhist.  
What is true for one man is true for all men. Just as  
there is no such thing as Christian medicine, Jewish  
biology or hindu".

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A check with the Election Commission revealed that VIOLA LIUZZO registered to vote for the first time in the Detroit, Michigan, area on October 8, 1960, Ward 22, Precinct 96; however, her name was stricken from voter records as she failed to exercise her right as a citizen of the United States and has never voted in this area.

On January 28, 1964, her name was taken off voter records.

Date 4/1/65

[REDACTED] Sinai Hospital of Detroit, Michigan, 6767 West Outer Drive, Detroit, Michigan, advised that Mrs. VIOLA FAUVER LIUZZO worked at the hospital as a Research Technician (trainee) from August 16, 1962, to October 15, 1962. 157C

[REDACTED] pointed out that an application form completed by Mrs. LIUZZO on July 26, 1962, contains the following data:

Residence	18491 Marlowe, Detroit, Michigan
Telephone Number	BR 2-0858
Social Security Number	381-44-9357
Date of Birth	April 11, 1925 (place not shown)
Age	37 years
Marital Status	Married
Number of Children	Five
Maiden Name	GREGG
Person to Notify in the Event of an Emergency:	JOSEPHINE FLORINI, 6366 Abington Avenue, Detroit, Michigan
Education	Grammar School, St. Marys, Chattanooga, Tennessee
High School	One year
College	None
Other Training	Carnegie Institute as a Medical Assistant in 1962
Previous Employment	Parkvue Medical Center, 28303 Joy Road, Garden City, Michigan, June, 1962 - August, 1962
Health Status	"Good"
Physical Defects	"None"
Personal References:	HAROLD HENDERSON, M.D., 853 Fisher Building, Detroit, Michigan
	SARAH SCHOOTEN, M.D., Medical Arts Building

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Personal References  
(Cont'd)

Reverend FRANCIS GRANGER,  
St. Alphonsus Rectory,  
Dearborn, Michigan

Also in the personnel file for Mrs. LIUZZO, according to [REDACTED], is a five page handwritten letter which Mrs. LIUZZO addressed to Mr. BERNARD FUSS in October, 1963, explaining her reason for resigning from her employment at this hospital. [REDACTED] said that Mr. FUSS at the time was the Associate Director of the Hospital.

[REDACTED] advised the letter refers to a misunderstanding which Mrs. LIUZZO apparently had with Mr. SIDNEY KOBERNICK, who was in charge of the laboratory at the hospital where Mrs. LIUZZO worked. He said the misunderstanding involved some tissue slides on which Mrs. LIUZZO worked and the letter also explained that her work at the hospital laboratory had begun to interfere with her pursuit of study at the Wayne State University.

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[REDACTED], Sinai Hospital of Detroit, 6767 West Outer Drive, Detroit, Michigan, advised that Mrs. VIOLA LIUZZO was employed [REDACTED] during the short period of time Mrs. LIUZZO worked in the laboratory of this hospital.

[REDACTED] recalled that her first contact with Mrs. LIUZZO was early one Sunday morning shortly prior to her beginning work at the hospital laboratory when she encountered Mrs. LIUZZO getting out of one of the cots in the laboratory area. [REDACTED] explained that she had weekend duty and had come on duty early that morning not anticipating that anyone would be in the laboratory since it is the practice of the hospital for the laboratory area to be completely secured during the evening hours.

[REDACTED] stated there was also an unidentified woman occupying one of the cots with Mrs. LIUZZO. [REDACTED] recalled that Mrs. LIUZZO was dressed only in a hospital gown, which contained some blood stains. The other unidentified woman was dressed in street clothing.

Upon this encounter, Mrs. LIUZZO commented, "Oh! you're [REDACTED]", and [REDACTED] responded, "That was correct" and inquired as to the reason for Mrs. LIUZZO's unexpected presence in the laboratory. b7c

According to [REDACTED] Mrs. LIUZZO's only explanation was that she was there to volunteer for laboratory experimentation. [REDACTED] explained the hospital does have a program that individuals voluntarily appear for laboratory experimental work; however, upon checking, she found no record that such an arrangement had been made with Mrs. LIUZZO and she was never able to determine why Mrs. LIUZZO was in the laboratory on this Sunday morning.

[REDACTED] stated that during Mrs. LIUZZO's employment, she was one of the individuals present in a group of medical technicians [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7C,

[REDACTED] advised she has had no contact with Mrs. LIUZZO since Mrs. LIUZZO ceased her work at the hospital. [REDACTED] advised she had no knowledge concerning any activity of Mrs. LIUZZO apart from her employment with the hospital.



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[REDACTED] He said that although considerable time has passed, he does recall Mrs. LIUZZO [REDACTED] He said his recollection of Mrs. LIUZZO was that she was an older woman, eager and vivacious and he said she was willing although not a very competent worker.

[REDACTED] He said he did not know Mrs. LIUZZO before she came to the hospital and had no contact with her when she left, although on one occasion when she contacted him [REDACTED] in connection with her attendance at the Wayne State University.

[REDACTED] said he has no knowledge of any activity of Mrs. LIUZZO except that he does recall that she was a student at Wayne State University.

[REDACTED] described Mrs. LIUZZO as a very excitable person and an individual who was obviously quite easily upset to an extreme degree on any matter which she did not understand.

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SA [REDACTED]

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Attached teletype sets forth  
background data from our Detroit  
Office files concerning victim Viola  
Liuzzo who was shot and killed near  
Selma, Alabama, night of 3/25/68,  
and her husband, Anthony J. Liuzzo.

*Letter to White House  
& A-G being prepared*

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*[Handwritten signature]*

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Mr. Tolson	
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TO DIRECTOR AND SELMA

FROM DETROIT (44-NEW)

UNSUBS; MURDER OF VIOLA LIUZZO, THREE TWENTYFIVE SIXTYFIVE  
LEROY JEROME MOTON - VICTIMS CR - ELECTION LAWS.  
CIVIL RIGHTS

RE BUREAU TEL CALLS TO DETROIT AND TEL CALL FROM SELMA, ALA.  
INSTANT.

RECORDS, MICH. SECRETARY STATES OFFICE LANSING, MICH.  
INDICATE NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE OLDS COUPE, SIXTYFIVE MICH. LIC.  
E J NINE ONE SEVEN SEVEN REGISTERED TO ANTHONY J. LIUZZO, ONE  
NINE THREE SEVEN FIVE MARLOWE, DETROIT, MICH. VEHICLE HAS VIN  
SIX THREE TWO M SIX ZERO FOUR EIGHT SIX.

MICHIGAN OPERATOR'S LICENSE NUMBER L TWO ZERO ZERO DASH  
EIGHT FOUR SEVEN DASH ZERO ONE FIVE DASH TWO EIGHT THREE ISSUED  
FOUR SIXTEEN SIXTYTHREE TO VIOLA LIUZZO BORN FOUR ELEVEN  
TWENTYFIVE, ONE NINE THREE SEVEN FIVE MARLOWE, DETROIT, FEMALE,  
BLONDE HAIR, GREY EYES, FIVE TWO AND ONE HALF, ONE TWENTYSEVEN  
LBS., NO VISION RESTRICTIONS.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN PD FILES REVEAL VIOLA LIUZZO, ONE NINE  
THREE SEVEN FIVE MARLOWE, DETROIT, BORN FOUR ELEVEN TWENTYFIVE,  
CALIFORNIA, PA., ARRESTED SIX SIXTEEN SIXTYFOUR, FOR "FAILING  
TO SEND CHILDREN TO SCHOOL". NO DISPOSITION SHOWN. LIUZZO  
DESCRIBED AS <sup>White Female</sup> F, FIVE TWO, ONE FORTY LBS.

DETROIT INDICES DISCLOSE A VIOLA LIUZZO, NO ADDRESS GIVEN,  
END PAGE ONE.

WROTE A LETTER TO "DETROIT FREE PRESS", A DETROIT DAILY NEWSPAPER,  
BELITTLING THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTACK ON JAMES R. HOFFA, PRESIDENT,  
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTER. NO OTHER REFERENCES RE  
VIOLA LIUZZO.

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SECRETARY STATES OFFICE, DRIVERS SERVICE DIVISION,  
LANSING, MICHIGAN, ADVISED ANTHONY JAMES LIUZZO, ONE NINE THREE  
SEVEN FIVE MARLOWE, DETROIT, ISSUED CHAUFFERS LIC. L TWO ZERO  
ZERO DASH ZERO SIX SEVEN DASH THREE SIX SEVEN DASH SEVEN SIX FIVE  
TO EXPIRE FIVE FIVE SIXTYFIVE. LIUZZO DESCRIBED AS <sup>male</sup> M, BORN  
TEN FIVE THIRTEEN, FIVE TEN AND ONE HALF, ONE NINETY TWO LBS.  
BLUE EYES BLACK HAIR, NO VISION RESTRICTIONS.  
NO OTHER PERTINENT INFO DEVELOPED.

LHM. FOLLOWS.

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Date: 4/2/65

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-65374)  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (105-773)  
SUBJECT: DIXIE KLANS  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka. ENCL  
RM  
(OO: Knoxville)

Enclosed are the original and seven copies of a  
letterhead memorandum containing information received  
from [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] b7D

The information reportedly received by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] has not been verified through other sources. b7D

SINCE MEMBERS OF DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU  
KLUX KLAN, INC., HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO CARRY CONCEALED  
WEAPONS, THEY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC SER  
DEPT ISD, CRD

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HOW FORW: routing slip  
BY: [REDACTED]

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia  
April 2, 1965

DIXIE KLANS  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
RACIAL MATTERS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Jack Brown, a white male, while addressing a group of Klansmen, left the group reportedly for the purpose of answering a telephone call and on his return announced to the group he received a telephone call from the daughter of the woman (Mrs. Viola Gregg Liuzzo), who was reportedly murdered by Klansmen in the vicinity of Selma, Alabama, a few days previous. The calling party stated the reason she left home was because her mother (Mrs. Viola Gregg Liuzzo) had Communist affiliations.

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The source of the above information stated there was no way of knowing whether or not Brown actually received the telephone call regarding the above information.

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**DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF  
THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
(Tennessee)**

Confidential Sources advised it was announced at a meeting of Klavern #1, U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., at Chattanooga, Tennessee, on September 17, 1958, that some former leaders of Klavern #1 and their close associates had been banished from U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., during the preceding week.

Sources advised those individuals who were banished formed a new klan organization known as Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., with headquarters in Masonic Hall, 2323 Glass Street, East Chattanooga, Tennessee. A general welfare charter was secured from the State of Tennessee on October 21, 1957, which charter lists some of the purposes of the organization as freedom of speech and association, rejection of forced integration, preservation of the Constitutions of the United States and of Tennessee, and preservation of the sovereignty of each state.

On July 15, 1964, source stated that the DK, KKKK, Inc., has one active klavern in Tennessee and two active klaverns in Georgia. He stated there are no other klaverns of this organization in any other states although attempts have been made in the past to organize klaverns in other states.

A Confidential Source advised during the fall of 1960 that a "den" of Klavern #1, DK, KKKK, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, consisting of ten members and two alternates, including JACK WILLIAM BROWN, Imperial Wizard (National President) of DK, KKKK, Inc., JACK LEON BROWN, Exalted Cyclops of Klavern #1, Chattanooga, Tennessee (the local chapter president), and others, all listed as members of Klavern #1, DK, KKKK, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, during July, August, and September, 1960, were reportedly responsible for five bombings of residences of Hamilton County, Tennessee, during July and August, 1960. Some of these members and alternates



of den held closed meetings and discussed bombings and other acts of violence. These meetings were reportedly closed and rank and file members of this organization unaware of such. All reported members and alternates of den interviewed during another investigation, denied knowledge of bombings or acts of violence, denied knowledge of "den" of DK, KKKK, Inc., and majority admitted membership of DK, KKKK, Inc.

Sources have reported as late as September, 1963 that for the past eighteen months or more, none of the DK, KKKK, Inc., members or leaders, including JACK WILLIAM BROWN, have discussed any acts of violence. In fact, during this period, 1962-63, Negroes have demonstrated at Chattanooga, Tennessee, seeking integration of public and municipal facilities. In addition to these demonstrations some of the public schools, Chattanooga, have been integrated during the fall of 1962 and the fall of 1963. During these demonstrations and the integration of these schools, JACK WILLIAM BROWN and other DK, KKKK, Inc., leaders at closed meetings of this organization, and on an individual basis, have instructed members of this organization to stay away from areas of demonstration by Negroes and schools where integration was occurring, not to participate in any demonstrations or attempt to interfere with any Negro demonstrations, violence or advocate any acts of violence or become engaged in any arguments over above matters.

From October, 1960 to July, 1964 no acts of violence have occurred at Chattanooga and vicinity. During this period, DK, KKKK, Inc., has continued to operate as an active organization and during the same period all municipal facilities, Chattanooga, have been integrated, the majority of public facilities, including theatres, restaurants, motels, hotels, and other facilities have been integrated, plus integration of schools during the fall of 1962 and the fall of 1963. All have been accepted peacefully with no demonstrations or acts of violence or discussion of acts of violence by DK, KKKK, Inc., members.

March 26, 1965

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have always been an outspoken supporter of the FBI. As long as you are it's head I am sure that I shall continue to be. May I congratulate you and your men for the swift action taken in the murder of the civil rights worker from Detroit.

However, I am alarmed at certain aspects of the case. These men deserve a fair trial just as any other American citizen does. The American judicial system remains vibrant only as long as it applies equally to all. One is truly innocent until proven guilty. But, I think that possibly the rights of these men to a fair trial has been violated.

It would have been appropriate for the President to have announced the arrest of these men but it did not stop at that. Following the announcement of their arrest he noted they were members of the Klan. He then stated that the woman had "been murdered by the enemies of freedom". He went on to denounce the KKK. By associating these men with the Klan and then going on to strongly denounce the Klan the President has in effect given rise to guilt by association. This is a concept which should be outside of the law. Has not the President whose pronouncements carry such tremendous weight, somewhat prejudiced the American public against these men? Can they receive a fair trial? I doubt seriously that they can for the next few weeks if at any

I abhor violence and this murder is an act of ruthless and unmitigated crime. I honestly hope that the person or persons responsible will be quickly brought to the bar of justice. However, when brought to justice I trust they may receive the same rights under the law that others receive.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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Oklahoma City 4, Oklahoma

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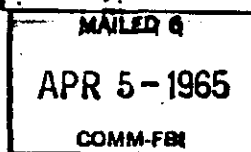
Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter of March 26th and want to thank you for your generous remarks concerning our investigation of the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo.

It was thoughtful of you to bring your views regarding similar incidents to our attention, and you may be assured the FBI will continue to do everything within its power to discharge its responsibilities with the highest degree of dispatch, thoroughness and objectivity. In connection with this matter, I am enclosing a copy of the remarks made by Senator Thomas J. Dodd on the Floor of the Senate on February 25, 1965, along with other material I trust will be of assistance to you in learning the true nature of the FBI's role in civil rights matters.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (4)

Remarks by Senator Dodd, 2-25-65

Our Heritage of Greatness

U. S. News & World Report, 12-21-64

2-65 LEB Introduction - No derogatory info re C.A.S.

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE VS. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.  
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
VS. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)  
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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1 - Mr. Mohr  
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1 - Mr. Conrad  
1 - Mr. Belmont

April 1, 1965

BY LIAISON

1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Hines

Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Enclosed is a memorandum setting forth developments in the FBI's investigation of the fatal shooting of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo which you may wish to bring to the attention of the President.

The Attorney General has been advised.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

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Paducah, Ky.,  
 March 26, 1965

*Handwritten:* Circle on yellow

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This is the first letter I have ever written a prominent man like you but I just want you to know how proud I am of the fast arrest of the four Klansmen from Birmingham.

You have a wonderful organization and I feel that with you and President Johnson working together on laws for the Klan that it will some day be a thing of the past.

Yours very truly,

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Paducah, Ky.

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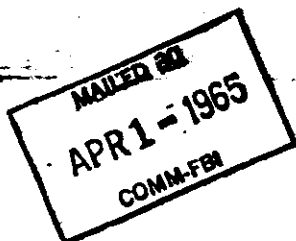
Paducah, Kentucky

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Your confidence is a source of encouragement for us and  
my associates join me in expressing appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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March 27, '65

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Thanks, and more  
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Cordially,

[Redacted Signature]

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[REDACTED]  
Beaver, Pa.

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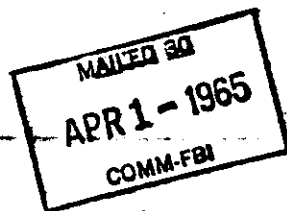
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FBI MEMPHIS

720PM CST URGENT 4/2/65 GHC

TO DIRECTOR , BIRMINGHAM, SELMA

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1507) 2P

EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL; VIOLA LUIZZO DASH VICTIM. CR DASH EL

RE DETROIT TEL TO MEMPHIS APRIL ONE, LAST.

LOUIS JULIUS MILLER INTERVIEWED TODAY NASHVILLE. STATES  
FIRST MET VICTIM LUIZZO IN SELMA ABOUT MARCH SEVENTEEN OR

EIGHTEEN, LAST , WHERE BOTH CAME FOR CIVIL RIGHTS WORK. LUIZZO  
VOLUNTEERED HER SIXTY THREE OLDSMOBILE FOR USE IN TRANSPORTATION  
OF CR WORKERS INCLUDING MILLER. VICTIM STAYED IN SELMA HOUSING  
PROJECT APARTMENT WITH NEGRO FAMILY, NAME AND ADDRESS UNKNOWN.  
VICTIM WALKED IN MARCH WHILE HER CAR USED EXTENSIVELY ON MARCH  
ROUTE BY SEVERAL INTEGRATED GROUPS OF MARCH WORKERS. ; LEON  
MORTON, NEGRO MALE, WITH VICTIM NIGHT OF SLAYING, ALSO USED  
THIS CAR EXTENSIVELY.

VICTIM LAST SEEN BY MILLER IN MONTGOMERY MARCH TWENTY FIVE,  
LAST, ABOUT THREE THIRTY TO FOUR P.M. UP STAIRS IN DEXTER STREET  
BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE FAINTING AND ILL VICTIMS OF MARCH RESTING.  
DOES NOT RECALL IF VICTIM ILL AT THE TIME NOR KNOW IF VICTIM

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EVER TREATED BY DOCTOR WHILE IN ALABAMA. VICTIM PLANNED TO RETURN TO DETROIT WITH MILLER IN VICTIM/S CAR, STOPPING ENROUTE AT MILLER/S HOME IN NASHVILLE. SAME NIGHT VICTIM SLAIN AND MILLER MADE OTHER TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. MILLER RETURNING TO SELMA TODAY.

ABOVE BEING PLACED ON FD THREE ZERO TWO. AM COPY DETROIT. P.

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FBI SELMA ALA

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March 27, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Heartiest congratulations to  
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the arrest of the four murderers of  
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This accomplishment has done  
more than anything I can think of  
to demonstrate to the entire world the  
high caliber of efficiency of the F.B.I.  
This will truly go down in history, to  
your everlasting honor.

Sincerely,

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

March 27, 1965

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[Redacted Signature]

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MR. GALE  
MR. RICHARDS  
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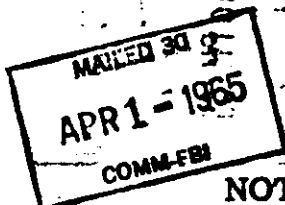
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[REDACTED]  
Elmhurst, New York 11373

Dear [REDACTED]

I received your letter of March 27th and want to thank you for your interest in writing.

You may be certain your complimentary comments regarding the work of this Bureau are deeply appreciated, and communications such as yours are a source of great encouragement. I can assure you that all of us in this Bureau will make every effort to merit your continued approval.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Numerous references on this name appear in Bufiles which were not reviewed for the purpose of answering this letter.

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DATE: March 26, 1965

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TO: MR. TOLSON

FROM: A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
VIOLA LIUZZO, VICTIM  
CIVIL RIGHTS: ELECTION LAWS

Re my memo this morning instructing Inspector Sullivan at Selma to present the facts of this case to Acting Assistant Attorney General John Doar for immediate authority to get complaints and warrants against the subjects. Inspector Sullivan advised at 10:40 a.m. that Acting Assistant Attorney General Doar was working on this and the U. S. Commissioner was standing by and our Agents were standing by to sign the complaints. I told Sullivan to have our stenographers help in Montgomery if it would speed things up.

At 12:08 p.m. Inspector Sullivan advised the complaints and warrants were ready. He will send in a teletype with the wording of these documents for our information.

At 12:06 p.m. I advised Inspector McGovern in Birmingham to go ahead with the arrests. At 12:25 p.m. Mr. McGovern advised that all of the subjects were in custody. Wilkins was arrested at 11:07 a.m. in his car on highway 11 which leads to Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Thomas was arrested at Lorraine's Cafe at 11:08. Eaton was arrested shortly thereafter at his residence on Route 6 in Bessemer. (The above times are Central Standard Time, one hour behind us.) There was no difficulty encountered during the arrests and Agents will secure search warrants for the homes of Wilkins and Thomas.

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of the subjects will be arraigned after they have been photographed, fingerprinted and processed at the Birmingham Office. They will be arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Louise Charlton.

At 12:45 p.m. McGovern was told to go ahead with the arraignment as soon as the subjects were processed and he should check with Inspector Sullivan as to how much bond is recommended by Doar. McGovern will advise the Bureau as soon as the subjects have been arraigned. I told McGovern and asked him to relay to Inspector Sullivan that no comment should be made to the press concerning these arrests inasmuch as the President has made the public release.

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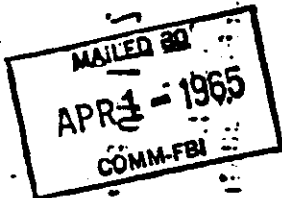
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San Diego 2, California

Dear [REDACTED]

Mr. Hoover received your letter of  
March 26th and asked me to thank you for your generous  
remarks concerning this Bureau's investigation of the  
murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary



1 - San Diego - Enclosure

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MOBILE (SELMA) (44-1245)

*Griffin V.*

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EUGENE THOMAS, ETAL; VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, ET AL. DASH VICTIMS.  
CIVIL RIGHTS - Election Laws  
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REMOBILE TEL MARCH THREE-ONE, LAST.

SUMMARY TELETYPE.

INVESTIGATION IN EFFORT TO TRACE ACTIVITIES OF  
SUBJECTS IN MONTGOMERY AREA HAS PRODUCED NO ADDITIONAL VERIFICATION  
OF ACTIVITIES.

INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW KLAN  
PARTICIPANTS IN KLAN MOTORCADE OF MARCH TWO-ONE, LAST, CONTINUING.  
INTERVIEWS TO DATE HAVE NOT DISCLOSED ANY PARTICIPANTS IN PARADE.

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*Callahan*

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SOME TWENTY INDIVIDUALS WHO RESIDE IN THE LAWRENCE STREET AREA IN SELMA, ALABAMA, BETWEEN SELMA AVENUE AND JEFF DAVIS AVENUE ALL VIEWED PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECTS AND VEHICLE. ALL FAILED TO MAKE ANY IDENTIFICATION OR FURNISH ANY INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THIS INVESTIGATION.

RESULTS OF AUTOPSY.

THE AUTOPSY REPORT WAS TURNED OVER AND SHOWS NO FINDINGS WHICH WOULD IN ANY WAY EXPLAIN THE PUNCTURE MARKS APPARENTLY MADE BY NEEDLE, WHICH APPEAR IN LIUZZO'S ARM. THE MEDICAL EXAMINER IS BEING RECONTACTED AND THIS MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH HIM SPECIFICALLY.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>DETROIT</b>	Office of Origin <b>MOBILE</b>	Date <b>4/2/65</b>	Investigative Period <b>4/1-2/65</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>EUGENE THOMAS; Et Al VIOLA LIUZZO, aka; Et Al - VICTIMS</b>		Report made by <b>[REDACTED] b7C</b>	T/S <b>S</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CR - ELECTION LAWS</b>	

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Report of SA **[REDACTED] b7C**  
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J. H. [unclear] F-7  
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Report of: [REDACTED]  
Date: April 2, 1965

Office: Detroit, Michigan

File Number: 44-643

Title: EUGENE THOMAS; Et Al  
VIOLA LIUZZO; Et Al - VICTIMS

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis: [REDACTED] advises knew Victim VIOLA LIUZZO as fellow worker at Sinai Hospital, Detroit, Mich., and states VIOLA LIUZZO was psychiatric patient at hospital after dismissal. Result of interview of SAMUEL LEROY EDMONDSON concerning Victim LIUZZO set forth. b7D

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DETAILS:

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 1, 1935

[REDACTED]  
furnished the following information on March 23, 1935:

Approximately [REDACTED] years ago, [REDACTED] employed by [REDACTED] Sinai Hospital, Detroit. During this period, she became acquainted with VIOLA LIUZZO, who was employed by Dr. KODERNICK in a technical capacity. [REDACTED] described VIOLA LIUZZO as a woman of questionable character, who unnecessarily spent a great deal of time away from her home and children.

Mrs. VIOLA LIUZZO was dismissed from her employment at Sinai Hospital in 1933. [REDACTED] stated she was not aware of the complete circumstances surrounding VIOLA LIUZZO's dismissal; however, she has heard that [REDACTED] at Sinai Hospital came to work one morning and discovered Mrs. LIUZZO on a cot in one of the offices in an undignified condition and covered with blood. b7c

[REDACTED] stated VIOLA LIUZZO was admitted to Sinai Hospital as a psychiatric patient shortly after this dismissal. Mrs. LIUZZO subsequently walked away from the hospital grounds, after which hospital authorities refused to readmit her.

On 3/20/65 at Detroit, Michigan File # Detroit 44-643  
by IC [REDACTED] /smb 67c Date dictated 3/29/65

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Date 4/2/65

**SAMUEL LEROY EDMONDSON**, age 17, advised that his home address is 1612B 16th Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee. Currently he is staying in Saginaw, Michigan, where he is associated with the Saginaw Non-Violent Movement which is headquartered at 908 North Fourth Street, Saginaw. For the past two years, EDMONDSON and **LOUIS J. A. MILLER** have traveled and worked together in the interest of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee.

EDMONDSON stated that he and **LOUIS J. A. MILLER** arrived in Selma, Alabama, about one month before the commencement on March 21, 1965, of the civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. They remained in Selma and later Montgomery until this march was completed.

EDMONDSON stated Mrs. **VIOLA LIUZZO** arrived in Selma about nine days prior to the commencement of the march and EDMONDSON and MILLER met her on the day of her arrival. Mrs. LIUZZO, while in Selma, worked out of the March's Headquarters at the First Baptist Church and made her automobile available for use in running errands, transporting persons and engaging in other pre-march activities. This automobile was a 1963 or 1964 light blue colored Oldsmobile or Pontiac two-door with Michigan license plate. From the day after her arrival until about March 19, 1965, MILLER drove Mrs. LIUZZO's car and EDMONDSON usually rode with him. MILLER made the arrangements with Mrs. LIUZZO for the use of the car. Subsequent to March 19, 1965, LEROY MOULTON, person who was riding with Mrs. LIUZZO on the night she was killed, drove Mrs. LIUZZO's automobile.

In Selma, Mrs. LIUZZO worked out of the March's Headquarters at the First Baptist Church. EDMONDSON saw her most every day but was not directly associated with her. The last time EDMONDSON saw Mrs. LIUZZO was about 3:00 P.M. on March 25, 1965, at the Dexter Avenue Church, Montgomery. She was accompanied by an unknown Negro male and was trying to locate her automobile. Mrs. LIUZZO was directed to go to the Graystone Hotel, Montgomery, because LEROY MOULTON, who had her car, reportedly was there. Mrs. LIUZZO was told to obtain her automobile from MOULTON because the latter did not have a driver's license.

On 4/1/65 at Saginaw, Michigan File # Detroit 44-643  
 by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] rmh 67C Date dictated 4/1/65

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EDMONDSON said that DAVE BEY, one of the march participants who stayed at the Torch Motel, Selma, told him that subsequent to 3:00 P.M. on March 25, 1965, he (BEY) saw Mrs. LIUZZO in a tavern in Montgomery with an unidentified Negro male. The name and address of the tavern was not indicated; however, it was believed to be located across from a park. DAVE BEY's home address was unknown to EDMONDSON; however, it might be obtained from March records maintained at Brown's Chapel in Selma.

EDMONDSON stated that while in Selma, Mrs. LIUZZO stayed with a Negro woman (name unknown) who had an apartment at the George Washington Carver Housing Project in Selma. Possibly the apartment number was 528C. In any event, one MARY DE BOSE, a resident of the same apartment house in that housing project, knew Mrs. LIUZZO and would be able to identify the person with whom Mrs. LIUZZO stayed.

EDMONDSON furnished the following directions by which one could locate the apartment where Mrs. LIUZZO stayed:

Starting at the First Baptist Church, proceed north on Sylvia Street to the alley which marks the south boundry of the housing project. There is an apartment house on the northeast corner of Sylvia Street and the alley. Proceed east down the alley to the fourth or fifth apartment. It was in one of these apartments that Mrs. LIUZZO stayed.

EDMONDSON had no knowledge of other places where Mrs. LIUZZO may have roomed in the Selma-Montgomery area. He was not aware that Mrs. LIUZZO received any type of medical attention and treatment or that she consulted a doctor while in Alabama. If she needed such treatment, she most likely would have contacted the medical unit and doctors for the march located at the First Baptist Church, Selma.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>DETROIT</b>	Office of Origin <b>MOBILE (SELMA)</b>	Date <b>3/31/65</b>	Investigative Period <b>3/26 - 31/65</b>
TITLE OF CASE (P) <b>EUGENE THOMAS; WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON; COLLIE LEROY WILKINS; GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.; VIOLA LIUZZO, aka. Mrs. Anthony J. Liuzzo; LEROY JEROME MOTON - VICTIMS</b>		Report made by SA [REDACTED] <b>5X</b>	Type PJ
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS</b> <i>70-211 22C</i>	

**Synopsis:**

**REFERENCES:** Detroit teletype to Director and Mobile (Selma), dated 3/26/65.  
Mobile (Selma) airtel to Birmingham and Detroit, dated 3/27/65.

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Will report additional background information being secured concerning victim VIOLA LIUZZO.

**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

Referenced airtel from Mobile (Selma) to Birmingham and Detroit, dated March 27, 1965, requested that the Detroit Division set forth in report form information contained in

Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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Detroit teletype, dated March 26, 1965. Much of the information contained in this report is contained in a letterhead memorandum to the Director, dated March 27, 1965, under the caption of "Unknown Subject; Murder of Viola Liuzzo, 3/25/65; Leroy Jerome Moton - Victims".

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

**Case:** 1 - USA, Birmingham  
1 - USA, Montgomery, Alabama

**Report of:** SA [REDACTED] b7C **Office:** Detroit, Michigan

**Date:** March 31, 1965

**File Number:** 44-463

**Title:** EUGENE THOMAS;  
WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON;  
COLLIE LEROY WILKINS;  
GARY THOMAS ROWE, JR.;

**Character:** VIOLA LIUZZO;  
LEROY JEROME MOTON - VICTIMS

**Synopsis:** CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS

Victim VIOLA LIUZZO arrested by Detroit Police Department, 6/16/64, and charged with "failing to send children to school". Victim VIOLA LIUZZO stated kept children from school as protest against children being permitted to drop out of school at age 16, which victim felt should be changed to age 18. The victim insisted on pleading guilty to charge even though Detroit Board of Education willing to drop matter. Victim VIOLA LIUZZO fined \$50.00 and placed on one year probation.

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DETAILS:

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Detroit Police Department on March 26, 1965, advised that VIOLA LIUZZO, 19375 Marlowe, Detroit, Michigan, born on April 11, 1925, was arrested by officers of the Detroit Police Department on June 16, 1964, and charged with "failing to send children to school". The arrest card indicated that VIOLA FAUBER LIUZZO of 19375 Marlowe, Detroit, had been a resident of Detroit for 13 years prior to June 16, 1964, and that she was arrested on June 16, 1964, at 8:45 AM at

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13365 Schaefer, Detroit, Michigan. VIOLA FAUBER LIUZZO was arrested on Warrant Number 208967 on the complaint of Mr. WILLIAM LAKIN, 5057 Woodward, Detroit, Michigan, the latter being associated with the Detroit Board of Education. The disposition of the arrest was shown as one year probation and \$50.00 fine. The Court file was Detroit Recorder's Court File Number 208967.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date March 31, 19651

Detroit Recorder's Court Judge JOSEPH GILLIS March 26, 1965, stated that he recalled the case concerning VIOLA LIUZZO and said he was of the opinion that VIOLA LIUZZO was a "professional crusader". VIOLA LIUZZO was arrested on the complaint of Mr. WILLIAM LAKIN, an officer of the Detroit Board of Education, and was charged with "failing to send children to school". VIOLA LIUZZO complained at the time she was brought before Judge GILLIS that children in the Detroit school system were permitted to drop out of school at the age of 16 and that she felt that this was wrong and that children should not be permitted to drop out of school until reaching the age of 18 and it was for this reason that she refused to send her children to school. Judge GILLIS stated that he adjourned the case from June 16, 1964, to September, 1964, hoping that VIOLA LIUZZO would be able to adjust the matter without his aid. Before the case went to trial Judge GILLIS received a letter from the Detroit Board of Education stating that they did not desire to prosecute. Judge GILLIS stated that he was quite willing to drop the matter but that VIOLA LIUZZO, represented by an attorney, Mr. MC NALLY, whose first name Judge GILLIS did not recall, appeared in court in September, 1964, at which time VIOLA LIUZZO insisted on entering a plea of guilty. Her plea was accepted and she was fined \$50.00 and placed on one year probation. Judge GILLIS stated that after the trial he received information from the Probation Department of the Detroit Recorder's Court that VIOLA LIUZZO was emotionally disturbed and appeared to be on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

On 3/26/65 at Detroit, Michigan File # Detroit 44-463  
by SA [REDACTED] / pjb 67C Date dictated 3/31/65

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Records of the Detroit Division indicate that one VIOLA LIUZZO had addressed a letter to the "Detroit Free Press", a newspaper published daily at Detroit, Michigan, in which VIOLA LIUZZO belittled the United States Government's charges against JAMES R. HOFFA, President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

[REDACTED] Michigan Secretary of State's Office, Lansing, Michigan, on March 26, 1965, advised SA [REDACTED] that a 1963 Oldsmobile Coupe with 1965 Michigan License EJ 9177, was registered to ANTHONY J. LIUZZO at 19375 Marlowe, Detroit, Michigan. This vehicle had Identification Number 632N60486. b7c

[REDACTED] Driver's Service Division, Michigan Secretary of State's Office, on March 26, 1965, advised SA [REDACTED] that Operator's License Number L200-847-015-282 was issued April 16, 1963, to VIOLA LIUZZO, born April 11, 1925, residing at 19375 Marlowe, Detroit, Michigan. The license described VIOLA LIUZZO as female, blond hair, gray eyes, 5' 11" tall, 127 pounds. b7c

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>BIRMINGHAM</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>MOBILE</b>	DATE <b>4/5/65</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>3/26/65 - 4/5/65</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>EUGENE THOMAS; ET AL VIOLA GREGG LIUZZO, aka; LEROY JEROME MOTON - VICTIMS</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>ASAC ROBERT G. JENSEN</b>	TYPED BY <b>CSW</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CR - EL</b>	

REFERENCE: Report of ASAC ROBERT G. JENSEN at Birmingham, 3/30/65.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

It is noted copies have been designated for the USA at Montgomery, Alabama, and at Birmingham, Alabama; however, no dissemination of this report is being made until Bureau approval received.

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NOTATIONS



Date 3/29/65

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Photographs of automobile in possession of COLLIE LEROY WILKINS, JR., on March 26, 1965, were taken on the same date with a Speed Graphic camera using Kodak Tri-X Pan Film. Vehicle described as 1958 dark green over light green Chevrolet Delray two door sedan, VIN A58F114308, bearing 1965 Alabama license 1B-37863. Vehicle photographed on U. S. Highway 11, Bessemer, Alabama.

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by SA [REDACTED] :gah 57C Date dictated 3/29/65

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Using a Speed Graphic, 4 x 5 Camera and Tri-X 4 x 5 Kodak film, the following individuals were photographed during the time set forth. In each instance a front, profile and stand-up view were made.

12:46 - 12:54 p.m. - COLLIE LEROY WILKINS

12:54 - 1:01 p.m. - WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON

1:15 - 1:22 p.m. - EUGENE THOMAS

Negatives 1, 2 and 3 contain photographs of COLLIE LEROY WILKINS.

Negatives 4, 5 and 6 contain photographs of WILLIAM ORVILLE EATON.

Negatives 7, 8 and 9 contain photographs of EUGENE THOMAS.

3/26/65

at Birmingham, Alabama

File #

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3-30-65

1 - Mr. Sullivan  
(S.F. Phillips  
Rm 808 RB)  
1 - Mr. Raupach

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To: SAC, Atlanta

From: Director, FBI

UNSUB ; THREAT AGAINST  
MARTIN LUTHER KING

At 1:03 a.m., 3-27-65, the Bureau received a brief telephone call from an unidentified male. He refused to say where he was calling from, however the call was a long distance call, the originating city unknown.

The unidentified male sounded somewhat intoxicated, extremely vindictive, spoke with a foreign dialect and used considerable profanity. He made several unintelligible remarks about Mrs. Viola Liuzzo who was killed in Lowndes County, Alabama, on March 25, 1965. The unidentified caller said "they were going to get King" then hung up.

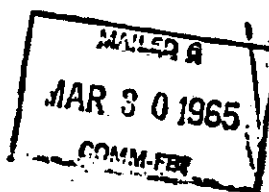
The Bureau is notifying United States Secret Service Headquarters in Washington, D.C., the Civil Rights Division and the Internal Security Division of the United States Department of Justice regarding this information. Atlanta should notify United States Secret Service in your division and local authorities concerning the receipt of the above information. No further action is being taken by the Bureau.

KMR:tmt

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NOTE: Above information has been incorporated into a letterhead memorandum and is being disseminated to United States Secret Service by O-141 and to John Doar Civil Rights Division and J. Walter Yeagley Internal Security Division by O-6, 3-30-65. No further action necessary and Division 5 has been notified telephonically. SEE SM2062 TO ROSEN

MEMO 3/27/65 KMR:LAS.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

March 30, 1965

**UNSUB; THREAT AGAINST  
MARTIN LUTHER KING**

On March 27, 1965, at 1:03 a.m., a brief telephone call was received at the Federal Bureau of Investigation from an unidentified male. This individual refused to reveal his identity or where he was calling from. It was determined the call was a long distance call but the originating city was not determined.

The unidentified caller sounded as if he was under the influence of intoxicants, extremely vindictive, spoke with a foreign dialect and used considerable profanity. He made several unintelligible remarks concerning Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, who was killed on March 25, 1965, at Lowndes County, Alabama. The unidentified caller then said "they were going to get King" then hung up.

United States Secret Service, the United States Department of Justice and local authorities in the State of Alabama have been notified. No further action is being taken in this matter by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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# Memorandum

1-Mr. Conrad  
1-Mr. Jevons  
1-Mr. Williams

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TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 4/2/65

FROM : R. H. Jevons

SUBJECT: EUGENE THOMAS, ET AL.; VIOLA GREGG  
LIUZZO, AKA.; LEROY JEROME MOTON,  
VICTIMS; CR - EL

Inspector Joseph Sullivan telephoned this afternoon and requested the appearance of SA [REDACTED] in Montgomery, Alabama, on the afternoon of 4/4/65, to be prepared to testify before the Grand Jury in this matter on 4/5/65. [REDACTED] is to bring with him the pertinent evidentiary exhibits that we now have in our possession. 67C

Inspector Sullivan was advised that [REDACTED] would appear in Montgomery, Alabama, as requested, to testify before the Grand Jury beginning 4/5/65.

## ACTION:

For information.

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1-Mr. Belmont  
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